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THE board of editors take this opportunity to welcome the students back to College, and hope that they have had a pleasant vacation, and are ready to do good work this term. Although no one has said anything about welcoming the TABLET men, we do not feel hurt, for we realize our indispensableness; and are sure that the neat appearance of the campus was intended by the authorities to appease our blasting pens. While our superiors have cared for the grounds and buildings, there is one thing which rests with us undergraduates to render an honor to the College, and pleasure to ourselves, or—to neglect. We refer to the chapel services. Since

it is a "custom" at Trinity to have chapel, and all must go, *nolens-volens*, let us try to look at the matter in a sensible way. Chapel goers may be divided into two classes,—those who go from a sense of duty and pleasure; and those who go because they are obliged to do so. We leave the former class, feeling sure that they have done, and will do what we request of the others. Then, fellow students of the latter class, since you *are* obliged to go to chapel, and consider it a bore, will you not try to render it less tiresome for all concerned? After having taken part in the full and hearty service at the opening of the term, no one will deny that it was more interesting to all, than the feeble music and half audible responses of the ordinary service. Now what is to prevent our having hearty responses and ringing music every day? Fifteen minutes exercise of lungs, which need it, and it will be accomplished; chapel will be less disagreeable to all, and we shall prove our claim to be in advance of our neighbors, in the matter of chapel services. Will not the class of '80, in consideration of the example they are to set, and of the influence they are supposed to exert as Seniors, lead this motion for the good of the College, and our own pleasure?

WE return to College this year to find a new man amongst our Professors. We are glad to extend to him a hearty welcome, and hope that he may have a pleasant sojourn amongst us. This accession to the Faculty is a good one for the college, as Professor Beckwith is acknowledged to have been one of the most popular and successful instructors in the Academic department of Yale College. His departure from Yale is very much regretted by the under-graduates of that college, and we are sure that he will be much liked here.

LAST May, the Athletic Association of the College held its Second Annual Field Day, and, in spite of several unfortunate drawbacks, as to the state of the ground, etc., the sports were attended by the former good success. Indeed, some of the records were better than those of the preceding year. The benefits to be obtained from field sports are so well known that we need not mention them here, but merely indicate why we, as a college, should pay especial attention to them. It is a well known fact that our strength does not lie in the direction of base ball; but our success in foot ball, and athletic sports, was very creditable to the College. Then let us apply our energies in these directions. The question as to whether the sports should be held every half year, instead of every year, was considerably agitated last spring, and popular opinion seemed to favor spring and fall meetings. The good to be gained by such a course is self-evident, and the only doubt to be resolved, is, whether the Athletic Association is able to meet the inevitable expense. If not, they should make an effort to do so. The games have acquired quite a reputation in the city, and there is little doubt that much of the expense would be balanced by the gate-money. Let us not leave the matter to die a listless death, as it is in danger of doing now, but let us decide squarely whether we will or will not have a fall meeting. If anything is to be done, either in foot ball or athletics, it is high time to be at work.

IT hardly belongs to students to criticize the financial management of the College, in general, but where it directly concerns them, they ought, at least, to have the privilege of expressing their opinions. Older, and presumably wiser heads than theirs, have charge of these matters, yet the plan pursued since the removal to the new buildings is an unfortunate one for the students, and, through them, for the true interests of the College. To that part of the term-bills which remained unchanged, there is no objection. The charge for tuition is as reasonable as could be desired. The same can not be said of the room rents. These may, indeed, correspond with the elegance of the rooms, but a student does

not need such fine accommodations, nor is he, in most cases, able to pay the price which they demand. The charges for heat and light, last year, were something phenomenal in their way, yet we are given to understand that the total receipts hardly covered the expenditures. The reason given was that both the gas machine and the steam apparatus were constructed on a scale suitable for the whole mass of buildings, of which only about a sixth is now erected. But, this being the case, ought the students of the present time to pay extra for that which may possibly see its full utility a century hence? It would be fairer if the constructors, instead of thrusting a surplus on unwilling consumers, should bear the loss until such time as their plans are completed. This, however, is to be changed this year. It is the natural desire of nearly every student to room in the buildings, among his fellows, and anything which prevents his doing so, takes away much of the profit and enjoyment of his college life. Nevertheless, under the present circumstances, there is no doubt that many would room out to save expense, if it were permitted. But here a rule to the contrary intervenes. If the price of rooms in College was as low as that of the furnished rooms to be had near by, there would be no need of any such restriction. In fact, the whole question turns upon this: if it is the pride of a college to point to its fine buildings and broad lands, then there is nothing more for the student to say; but if a college relies on its graduates for its reputation, then some consideration should be shown for those who are too poor for high prices, and too independent to accept help.

THE Freshman Class is not a large one. As they filed into Chapel the first night of the term, casting curious glances on all sides, it could easily be seen that they were the smallest class that has entered College for some time. It is hard to tell now, at the outset of their course, how they will turn out. Though small numerically, they can easily compensate for that by other qualities, and they do not appear to lack pluck. We most heartily welcome them to Trinity, and hope that they may find their course through college as pleasant as ours has been.

MOST students claim, and most faculties acknowledge, that the college course, unaccompanied by outside reading in the current literature of the day, is not sufficient for the full development and rounding of the mental powers. Our own Faculty, as a body, hold this opinion, and it is not long since, one of their number spoke to us on this subject, and deplored the lack of a really good reading room at Trinity. What is needed, is not the ordinary reading room, supplied with two or three New York papers, the local papers, and one or two weeklies. What we want is a place where we can consult the leading reviews and periodicals, as well as the papers. It is an absolute need; any one who pretends to be well-read, and to move in cultivated society, must be acquainted with the progress of thought and science, a knowledge which is to be found only in current literature. The plan which we would like to suggest is not original with us, but was proposed by one of our Professors, as a possible means of attaining the desired end. The voluntary subscription plan has been tried, over and over again, and proved a failure. Now, suppose we should try having a regular amount added to the college bill, for this purpose. It would require but a very small sum from each individual, which in the majority of cases, would be paid by the parents or guardians, as a part of college expenses. And where the money was to be paid by the student, the amount would be so small as to cause no distress. In this way, the amount of money would be sufficient, and, which is more important, reliable. This course would not take the matter out of the hands of the Junior class, for the control of the funds, and of the room itself would still rest with a committee from that class. It is unfortunate that we are cramped for want of room; but it has been suggested that the magazines and reviews might be arranged on the first floor of the Library, with the Librarian's consent. Since that time, however, it has occurred to us that, if the steward does not occupy all his department, one of the rooms in the gateway could be devoted to this purpose, without inconvenience. This place would be especial-

ly suitable, both on account of its central and sheltered position, and from the character of the room itself. It is hoped that the Juniors, with whom this matter rests, will take some action in regard to it. A college meeting would soon determine whether the students were willing to raise the money in this way; and the room could probably be obtained by consulting the Treasurer and Executive Committee. It has been estimated that the sum of two dollars per year from each student would be ample. Let us hope that before winter comes on we shall be possessed of a comfortable and well-stocked reading-room.

THE New York *World* has been wise enough to perceive the growing influence which college journalism is exerting on the outside world, and, by bringing college news before the public, in its "College Chronicle," has conferred a great benefit on its subscribers, and the college world at large. For it is at college that the thinkers of the future are trained,—the statesmen, authors, and professional men, who are to be the world of the next generation. Surely, then, it behooves the world of this generation to know the style of thought which prevails in colleges, and the class of men who are coming forward to take matters in their hands.

In the *World* of September 1, 1879, appeared a very interesting and well written article, giving a general view of the social, religious, and journalistic status of the various colleges. However, articles which are to have so wide a circulation should be accurate, lest they give a false impression. We are sorry to say that several statements in this article are not entirely accurate.

In speaking of an article in the *Southern Collegian*, urging the students to perform their social duties, the *World* says that "'Calco' in the Virginian students' vernacular, is used like 'Snab,' at Yale, and latterly Columbia, to designate the stylish and 'attractive maidens of the neighborhood.'" "Snab" is a college term used to designate ladies not of the highest position in society. We are very sure that no gentleman of this College would apply a word of such vulgar associations to any lady, much less to one in whom he had the slightest interest; and

that the "attractive maidens of this neighborhood" would be highly insulted, if the word were applied to them.

In another place, it says: "The traditions of Trinity, according to the TABLET, tend to produce a larger proportion of society men than at other colleges." This statement we heartily endorse, for there are few places where so large a majority of the students move in the very best society, and are so cordially received, as at Trinity. But when it says further, "The adoption at Trinity, in the spring of last year, of the rule requiring each student to select a particular church in Hartford, wherein to attend Sunday services, was commended as an improvement on the previous custom of allowing the student to attend different churches on successive Sundays," we must beg to say that the *World* is inaccurate again. Our students have always been required to select a particular church, which he must attend regularly, unless excused. Again, referring to the complaint against reporting "absent," when late, it was not the reduction in standing which was objected to, as the *World* seemed to think, but to the fact of reporting "absent" when merely "tardy." We would remark in conclusion that the "indecent haste" in leaving chapel, complained of at Yale, and other colleges, is avoided here, as the students rise, and stand in their places, until the officiating clergyman has left the chapel, and then go out in the order of classes, beginning with the Seniors. Also, the unseemly haste in conducting the services, complained of at Williams, never occurs here, as the service is conducted by one of the clerical members of the Faculty.

DEMOCRITUS AND HERACLITUS.

In olden times, we are told, there lived two celebrated philosophers. The one was wont to see in his fellow men only that which made him laugh; the other looked and all that he beheld provoked his tears.

"One pitied, one condemned the woful times,
One laughed at follies, and one wept at crimes."

Be the legend true or false, it is certain

that Democritus had sufficient cause to make him laugh, and Heraclitus, if he looked upon the darker side of life, cannot be blamed for his tears.

Man is the noblest work of creation; he is endowed with faculties which lift him far above all other creatures; and yet it is man that can commit those follies which worthily provoke the laughter of the wise. How foolishly he acts when he makes fame the highest aim of his existence; when he reckons the gaining of a name, in the world, the greatest of all rewards. Little does he remember that those who worship Glory are often crushed beneath the wheels of her golden chariot, which, like the car of Juggernaut, seems but destined to destroy all who prostrate themselves in its path. Indeed, we know not whether to laugh or to weep, so worthless seems the prize for which he strives, so sad the end to which it often brings him. But men still labor for that which others have found vain; still covet that which sad experience has shown to be unworthy of their care. Thus, reason has given place to folly, in him whom reason ought to guide. Again, man displays his folly in amassing the heaps of gold and silver, only a small part of which he himself can enjoy. Who wonders at Democritus laughing, when he saw them making themselves slaves to wealth? "Surely," he might have reasoned, "they can see that as they grow richer, they also become more and more eager to increase their store, and less satisfied with what they have already gained! Why, then, toil for that with which they can never be content? All that they accomplish is, to hoard, as a snare for their children, that which has been the burden of their own lives." And so it is, men covet fame, wealth, luxury, and pleasure, and never gain the objects of their efforts.

But if the follies of men deserve laughter, the woes which are allotted them should no less cause our tears. Even those very things at which we laugh, when viewed in another light, may make us weep as well. Democritus *thought*, when he looked upon life, Heraclitus *felt*. The happiness which man struggles to gain for himself is all an empty phantom, a fleeting nothing. He labors for

shining bubbles as they float along the cragged shores of life, and often strands his frail bark upon the cruel rocks. He grasps at Dead Sea fruit to find it, after all, but ashes. Hereclitus wept when he reflected what crimes man could commit; to what evils he was a victim; of what unhappiness he was at once the author and sufferer. There is a higher view of life, and they do well who so look at it. And yet it is none the less true that life is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.

TERTIUS.

TWO PHASES.

(Extracts from a Diary, September 18th, 1878.)

The first day of my Freshman year is over, and it is with feelings of joy and pride that I sit down to record it. I shall study very hard, look down on all "bumming," and never, never smoke. My mother says that there never was a smarter scholar than I am, so I think that my standing will be very high. How pleasant it will be to write home, and say modestly, "I stand first, but I couldn't help it." By the way, what made the fellows laugh so when I addressed the chief dignitary of the college as "Mr. President?" Isn't he President, and is not "Mr." a title of respect? What were they laughing at? I have heard vague rumors of hazing, but I am sure that such gentlemanly looking fellows as I have seen here will not engage in such disgraceful proceedings. When I get to be a Sophomore, I, for one, will not molest the Freshmen. If they make a joke, I will not inform them in a supercilious way that it is musty. In fact, I cannot see why a Freshman is not the equal of a Sophomore.

One night later--9 P. M.—I rise in anger from my bed, to which I was ignominiously forced to retire by a crowd of three Sophomores. If there had been only two, it would have been impossible for them to effect their purpose, but I saw that there was no use to struggle with three, and I submitted. I only wish that we could have a rush of some kind. That would give us a chance to get even with them.

Sept. 18, 1879. Put four Freshmen to bed, and smoked out one. Said he guessed he would call on a friend if we would excuse him. Didn't excuse him. Thought best that he should go to bed. Going round to-morrow night and make them all swear to give a "bum." Delightfully fresh lot, anyway. Don't think that I'll look at my lessons to-night. Shall skim through on general knowledge. Wonder what I wrote a year ago to-night. Ha! ha! all bosh to keep a diary, anyhow. Shall burn this up.

SOMEWHERE.

Oft an eventide I sit,
And vainly strive to find
An answer to the longing,
Which arises in my mind ;

A longing for I know not what,
An undefined ideal,
Which bears me with mysterious power
From regions of the real.

At times my longing takes a form,
And then I seem to see
A face of angel sweetness,
Which beams with love for me ;

But, suddenly, another scene
Unfolds before my eyes ;
Ambition takes the place of love,
And on it's wings I rise,

Until the world lies at my feet ;
Then love comes in again,
And, on its golden pinions born,
I feel the precious pain

Of giving all my heart contains
To creatures of my dreams.
Still onward where my fancy leads,
I follow, for it seems

That somewhere in another life,
Perhaps in Heaven, I'll find
An answer, which will satisfy
The longings of my mind. Z.

"What a change!" exclaims a Junior; "I am this evening endeavoring to embrace the science of value, and circumscribe the field wherein it lies. Two weeks ago to-night I was embracing value itself."—*Ex.*

COMMUNICATIONS.

[Communications upon current topics are invited for this column. It is expected that they will be written in a courteous tone. The writer's full name, as well as his *nom de plume*, must accompany the article. The editors do not necessarily approve the opinions expressed.]

To the Editors of the Tablet :

It is probable that rushes are a thing of the past. The Freshmen have followed the example set them by the preceding class, and the usual challenge to the Sophomores for a rush was not sent. For many reasons it is a good thing. Rushes of every description are very dangerous, especially when the classes are of any size. It can not be denied that they stirred up among the new-comers a strong class feeling which was very beneficial, but this can be acquired just as well in other ways. Of course, most of us look back with a feeling of pleasure to our old contests; the fragments of hat or cane are jealously preserved as sacred relics, and the moon-lit scene of our first push rush is no doubt vividly before our minds. But, notwithstanding all this, it is time they were abolished. They are one of old customs that ought to be swept out of the way.

JUNIOR.

To the Editors of the Tablet :

It has been my intention for some time past, to send a communication to your paper, concerning the hour for dinner on Sundays. I have spoken to a number of the undergraduates, as well as to some of the Faculty, on this subject, and find them all in favor of a change. As it is at present, the afternoon is very inconveniently cut up into periods of from an hour to an hour and a half each; consequently, we can scarcely get started in anything, before we have to drop it, and go either to dinner, chapel or tea. The average city church seldom detains us beyond one o'clock, so that we have to wait a whole hour before dinner is served. When that is finished, one-half of the afternoon is gone. If the change could be made so that the dinner hour should be from *one* to *two*, I am confident it would meet with a general and hearty approval. Will not the "Committee of Five," take the matter up?

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To the Editors of the Tablet :

There is one feature connected with the marking system practiced here which we should like to ask if it could not be advantageously changed. That is, the different systems of which our Professors make use. It is well known that, by some, one mark is taken off for each mistake, and by others only half a one. Now, at first sight, it may seem that, as all come under the same rule, it is as fair for one as another, and makes no difference, but in reality, there is an act of injustice committed against all. In the first place, of course, with such a system existing, each Professor marking on an independent plan, with an equal amount of work, greatly different results will appear at the end of the year. The reports which are supposed to show the amount of study, and the proficiency attained in the various branches, will not give an outsider, who is unacquainted with the subtle distinctions that exist in the various Professors' brains in regard to the value of a mistake, any correct idea. Then, too, as is well known, if in any department, a man's average falls below 5, on a scale of 10, he is not admitted to examinations. Now it may so happen that he may not be admitted in some branch, while, if the system employed by other members of the Faculty had been in general use, he would have been admitted. Now, either an act of injustice has been done him, or else he has been too lightly dealt with on other occasions. In either case, there seems to me to be a fault which ought to be remedied. Then, it depends on attaining a certain average, whether a man is admitted to the Honor Examinations, but as a consequence of the different systems existing, it is a greatly different thing to be admitted in some things than in others. This varied system comes into play also in marking the examination papers, and, as a consequence, some men are every year conditioned unjustly, or passed without deserving it. Would it not help matters greatly if some fixed system could be adopted, and not leave it wholly to the option of each individual member of the Faculty? The difficulty might not be entirely obviated, but it could be remedied, at least to a certain extent. UNDERGRADUATE

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

TENNIS.

The Tennis Club seems to be as active as ever, and the interest manifested in the game is increasing.

FOOT BALL.

The lower campus has been occupied of late by competitors for the Foot Ball Team, and good practice has been done.

HOLIDAY.

The celebration of Flag Day was not unheeded by Trinity, and the Faculty anticipated the request which was to be submitted to them, by granting the desired holiday.

EXTRA CLASSES.

Professor Hart has succeeded in organizing extra classes in Hebrew and Calculus, and Prof. Holbrook is teaching Spanish to a number of the Senior class and one member of the Sophomore class.

RUSH.

The Freshman Class have decided not to have a regular rush with the Sophomores, and instead, have requested the Faculty to waive the regulation concerning trials of strength between classes, and to allow them to have a tug of war. The request has been granted.

SOPHOMORE BONFIRE.

The class of '82 have succeeded in reconciling the idea of old custom and new facilities by holding their annual fire in the road north of the buildings, and to judge from the noise made, they must have enjoyed themselves fully as much as if they had burned a hole in the grass of the campus, and been reduced in their standing.

CAMPUS.

The old complaint of the lack of a proper college campus has at last ceased, and in its place comes a feeling of satisfaction, when we look out upon the green expanse of lawn that lies before our windows. In the course of another year, the grass will be much finer, and it is to be hoped that all feel the necessity of preserving it against abuse.

NEW STUDENTS.

W. S. Emery has been admitted to the Junior Class.

The following have been entered as members of the Sophomore class:

| | |
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| D. M. Bohlen, | W. S. Goodrich, |
| S. D. Brewer. | C. Z. Gould, |
| C. W. Coit, | S. N. Watson. |

The following have been admitted to the class of '83.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| C. K. Austin, | G. P. Ingersoll, |
| E. S. Beach, | W. A. Jackson, |
| J. E. Brown, | C. M. Kurtz, |
| R. E. Burton, | H. Parsons, |
| J. R. Carter, | F. Roosevelt, |
| T. B. Chapman, | J. F. Sexton, |
| E. N. Childs, | W. S. Short, |
| M. L. Cowl, | H. W. Thompson, |
| E. L. Dockray, | S. B. P. Trowbridge, |
| P. F. Drum, | F. M. Wheeler, |
| H. L. Golden, | F. D. Woodruff, |
| J. W. Huntington, | A. H. Wright. |

READING ROOM.

As yet the committee have not been able to come to a decision upon the course which is to be adopted this year in reference to a reading room, but plans are on foot which promise to supply the want which all feel of a suitable provision for reading matter, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made which will give the students the advantages of the best current literature of the day.

The following committee have been elected from the Junior Class:

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| A. W. Reineman, | A. T. Mason, |
| C. W. Jones, | E. P. Newton, |
| G. B. Patterson. | |

THE FACULTY.

Several changes have been made in the the Faculty this year, and our corps of instructors has the addition of one new face and the loss of two old ones. The Rev. Ibson T. Beckwith now occupies the Greek Professorship which was left vacant by the departure of Prof. J. D. Smythe. Professor Hart has returned from Europe, and resumed his position as Professor of mathematics, which Rev. J. H. Barbour, who filled the place during the absence of Professor Hart, has vacated.

FRESHMAN CLASS NINE.

At a late meeting of the Freshman Class, Richard E. Burton was elected Captain of the Ball Nine.

COLLEGE GERMANS.

At a recent meeting of the German Association, H. Miller, '80, was elected President, and the remaining places in the Committee were filled by G. Kneeland and W. R. Leaken. The gentlemen of the town are to be invited to appoint another to act with this committee.

FOOT BALL.

Immediately after the meeting of the Boat Club, on Sept. 22d, was held the regular meeting of the Foot Ball Association, for the election of officers. The following were elected:

President, T. M. N. George, '80.
Vice President, R. H. Nelson, '80.
Secretary and Treasurer, S. Stone, '80.
Captain of the Team, F. L. Wilcox, '80.

It was then announced that a challenge had been received from Yale, to play a game of foot ball at an early date, but owing to the uncertainty of the ability of the Association to accept, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

CLASS ELECTIONS.

On Friday, Sept. 12th, a meeting of the Senior Class was held, at which the following officers were elected:

President, B. B. Gallaudet.
Vice President, S. Stone.
Secretary, O. Holway.
Treasurer, C. G. Williams.
Chronicler, B. B. Gallaudet.

As the chronicler is usually elected in in Freshman year for the whole course, Mr. Gallaudet's election to the Presidency did not incapacitate him from retaining his former position.

At the first meeting of the Freshman class the following officers were elected:

President, J. W. Huntington
Vice President, J. E. Brown,
Secretary, H. W. Thompson,
Treasurer, J. F. Sexton,
Chronicler, S. B. P. Trowbridge.

BOAT CLUB.

A meeting of the Boat Club was held on Monday, Sept. 22d, at which the following officers were elected:

President, A. T. Mason, '81.
Vice President, T. M. N. George, '80.
Secretary, H. C. Curtiss, '81.
Treasurer, H. C. Loveridge, '80.
Captain of the Crew, E. D. Appleton, '80.

The report of the treasurer showed a surplus of about \$354.00, of which \$173.00 had been raised on the Club's account with the Dime Savings Bank. The Treasurer stated that he had succeeded in disposing of the book for 50 per cent. of its value, with the guarantee of additional payment in case the bank should pay more.

It was then resolved that the Executive Committee be authorized to have a tramway constructed, leading from the boat house to the water.

RUSH.

The Tuesday, Sept. 30th, the Class of '83 determined to hold a class meeting in No. 11 Jarvis Hall, and the sight of this verdant gathering decided the Sophomores to keep their young friends in "durance vile" for a longer time than had been expected. Accordingly the door was locked and Sophomore guards were stationed in Room 9, with pitchers of water, so that the first Freshman head which appeared in the window below was greeted with a vigorous shower bath. Finally an enterprising Freshman established himself in a third floor room and turned the tables on his enemies. This manner of warfare soon gave place to open battle, and a plucky attack by one Freshman on the Sophomores who were guarding the door, was followed by a general engagement in which a number of old fashioned blows were exchanged. The arrival of a member of the Faculty put an end to the fight before the question of victory could be decided.

BASE BALL.

The last game for the College Championship was played on the lower campus on Friday, Sept. 26th, and the playing showed that there was much better material for a

nine than could have been expected. The following is the score:

| '80. T.B. | B.H. | E. | O. | A. | E. | P.O. | '82. T.B. | B.H. | E. | O. | A. | E. | P.O. |
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| Rodgers, c. 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | Burgwin, c. 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Russell, cf. 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Gowen, lb. 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Nelson, ss. 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | Howell, p. 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Barrows, p. 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | Carpenter, 2b. 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Wilcox, 2b. 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | Goodrich, ss. 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Crosby, lb. 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | Brewer, 3b. 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Holway, 3b. 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Bohlen, rf. 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Barclay, lf. 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Hotchkiss, cf. 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kneeland, rf. 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C. Carter, lf. 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total, 43 | 16 | 11 | 27 | 12 | 7 | 27 | Total, 35 | 8 | 7 | 27 | 11 | 11 | 27 |

SCORE BY INNINGS.

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Umpire, A. T. Mason, '81. Scorer, M. Stone, '80. Two base hits Wilcox and Rodgers.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH FOR CHRISTMAS TERM.

- Sept. 24. Seniors: Extemporaneous Speaking. (Subjects assigned individually.)
- " 25. Juniors: Extemporaneous Debate. (Question announced one-half hour before.)
- Oct. 1. Seniors. Theme—Constant and Inconstant Elements in Nature.
- " 2. Juniors: Theme—Social and Political Parasites.
- " 3. Sophomores: Lessons from the Life of Gibbon.
- " 3. Freshmen: Translation—Virgil, Georgics, Lib. I. (1-42).
- " 22. Seniors: Forensic Discussion—The Proposed Reform in English Spelling
- " 23. Juniors: Extemporaneous Speaking.
- " 24. Sophomores: Exercise in Literary Analysis.
- " 24. Freshmen: Translation—Iliad, Lib. II. (142-173).
- Nov. 5. Seniors: Critique—Froude's Cæsar or Mallock's Is Life Worth Living?
- " 6. Juniors: Theme—The Influence of Chivalry on English Literature.
- " 7. Sophomores: Theme—The Catacombs and Modern Cemeteries.
- " 12. Seniors: Original Orations.
- " 13. Juniors: Original Orations.
- " 14. Sophomores: Exercise in Literary Analysis.
- " 14. Freshmen: Translation—Livy Hist., Lib. I., ch., 16.
- Dec. 3. Seniors: Extemporaneous Discussion.
- " 4. Juniors: Forensic Discussion—The Best Method of Dealing with the Evil of Intemperance.
- " 5. Sophomores: Extemporaneous Theme Writing.
- " 5. Freshmen: Translation—Livy Hist., Lib. II., ch. 10.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

COLUMBIA.

Electives are to be introduced in the studies of the Junior year.

A chair of Anglo-Saxon has been established.

Seventy-nine presented a class album to college library.

The Chemical and Engineering Societies have decided to establish a scientific journal.

Three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars were distributed in prizes, at commencement.

HARVARD.

A chair of Chinese has been established, by a private subscription of American merchants in China.

"The Private College for Women begins its career with bright prospects for future success. As many as twenty candidates have presented themselves for admission, and among them students from Vassar, Smith and Wellesley, in spite of the fact that those colleges claim to offer to their students all the advantages of Harvard."—*Crimson*.

The new gymnasium will soon be opened. "The Fall class races will probably be rowed in barges, instead of in shells, in order to insure a race in spite of rough water."—*Crimson*.

The crew will have a practice-room in the gymnasium, and thither the hydraulic rowing machines are to be moved from the boat-house.

PRINCETON.

Another dormitory building is to be erected. Professor Raymond of Williams has been elected to the chair of Elocution.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A base-ball association is wanted to take charge of the nine.

There is a course of instruction upon "Darwinism and Cognate Subjects."

The eleven won a victory over the Columbia eleven, at cricket, on June 16. Score 195 to 112. The first annual regatta for the Child's Challenge Cup, on June 24, resulted in a victory for the home crew, Columbia second.

YALE.

The Thanksgiving Jubilee is likely to be revived.

The class crews are hard at work training for the fall regatta.

Twenty men are in training for the crew; and the boat-club has decided to challenge Harvard at once.

PERSONALS.

[It is particularly desired that the Alumni furnish us with all items of interest, that may come to their knowledge, concerning every one who has been connected with the College.]

MURRAY, '71. A. S. Murray, Jr., was in the city recently.

BURGIN, '72. G. C. Burgin spent a few days in the city recently.

BOWDITCH, '73. James F. Bowditch is practicing law at Jackson, Minn.

WHITNEY, '74. Harry E. Whitney is at Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.

HILLS, '78. J. D. Hills has been admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of New Jersey.

ROBERTS, '78. T. M. Roberts is in town.

STARK, POTWINE, MOODY, '79. B. Stark, Jr., W. E. Potwine and W. S. Moody visited College recently.

APPLETON, '80. E. D. Appleton, Captain of the Trinity Boat Club, rowed during the summer with the Nassau crew in their victory over the Nereid and Argonauta crews. He is also to take part in the fall regattas of this club.

SWENSON, '81. S. A. Swenson is in business with S. M. Swenson, Son & Co.

BIDWELL, '80. L. B. Bidwell has gone to Harvard.

BIDWELL, '81. W. D. Bidwell has entered Williams College.

BRAINERD, '82. J. B. Brainerd has left College to enter business.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE SUMNER CHIPMAN.

Since our last issue, death has taken from this world into the blessed rest of Paradise, one of the most promising of the recent graduates of our College.

George Sumner Chipman, of the class of 1878, died at Stamford, Conn., on the 17th day of Sept., aged 24 years. He was the son of William C. Chipman, who graduated from the College in 1847. His birthplace was Potsdam, N. Y. Of his earlier years we have but scanty information. He pursued his preparatory studies, in part, at the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, where he held a high rank in his studies, and was universally beloved by both school-mates and instructors. Afterwards, he became a student at Burlington College, N. J. His

course at Trinity, like that before his coming hither, was unusually honorable, in scholarship, and in every other element of academic life. He was popular with all classes, and his influence for good,—the calm outflowing of his unconscious nobility and excellence,—was felt by every one who knew him. He gained numerous prizes, but not one was gained without honest earning and deserving. It was evident, to those who watched him closely, that his mental powers were greater than those of his body. The casket which held, for the time, that rare soul,—that deep and far reaching mind,—was, as some of his friends then feared,—and as events have proved,—too frail for lasting long.

Soon after graduation, he became a student at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, and so, entered upon direct preparation for that work of the Ministry, towards which his heart had, for years, been looking. The weeks of his Summer vacation were spent quietly with friends in Stamford, Conn. It was a prelude to "the rest that remaineth." Only a few days before the time of his expected return to Middletown, where, in addition to his regular work as a student, he was to serve, by appointment, as the Bishop's private Secretary, he sweetly "fell on sleep," and was taken into the nearer presence of the "Chief Shepherd and Bishop" of us all.

He was buried Saturday, Sept. 20th,—the last of the Autumn Ember Days. Few of those for whom the Church throughout the world was, that day, praying, could be more endued "with innocency of life" than was he whose earthly service thus ended early, ere he had known the "labor and heat of the day."

The Burial Service was said in St. Andrew's church, Stamford. The Bishop of the Diocese was present and officiated. Several of the many clergy who had known and loved him were, likewise, present.

While the echoes of the recessional hymn, "Hark! Hark! My Soul," with which the service within the church ended, yet lingered upon the ears and the hearts of the worshippers, his body was reverently and lovingly laid to its rest in the quiet churchyard close by, and all was over, for this world.

Mr. Chipman was a young man of rare promise. His death seems untimely, for, he was endowed with unusual gifts of mind and of heart. As a scholar, and, especially, as a writer, he showed the marks of genius. Though always industrious, he possessed what mere industry can never secure. Besides, and above all, he was rich in spiritual grace,—in that goodness which is the best and the only real greatness. Had his life been spared he would, no doubt, have done much faithful work for Christ and the Church. Had he reached the full number of the years allotted to man, he would, most likely, have gained a high and honorable position. But it is yet stronger praise to say, as we can say, in truth and in confidence, that, had his place been lowly, and the field of his stewardship narrow, he would have served there just as faithfully.

The same Heavenly Father, from whom these gifts of mind and of goodness came, called His servant hence ere the dew of morning had vanished from the field of his earnest toil. Why a life so promising should be so brief we cannot tell or see. God's plans run on far beyond the reach of our human looking, into the Day that has no eventide. Still, Chipman's life was very fruitful, for along with reverent, loving memories of what he was, his friends and every one who knew him will carry through all their lives, the impression which his noble character left upon them.

EXCHANGES.

The immense pile of exchanges, the accumulation of the summer vacation, gives us innumerable accounts of Class Day and Commencement exercises. It is a weary waste, and would be infinitely tiresome if an attempt was made to read them all. But a college paper is intended for the graduates and students of its own college, and to these such accounts are undoubtedly interesting. We, like the *Oestrus*, deplore the necessity that makes "Commencement numbers" dry and unreadable, yet such must be the case, where the days they chronicle are so much alike everywhere and every year.

Princetonian courtesy and sense of justice is again revealed in the "Editors' Table" of the June number. In the course of its column and a half of notes on the exchanges, is some stuff meant for criticism, (written, evidently, with the view of filling space,) which, in its statements and expressions, is unwarranted, and, certainly, ungentlemanly. We do not refer to the contemptible notice made of our paper, although that has prompted us to speak out that, of which hitherto we have refrained from speaking. Princeton exchange editors, 'for the same trait is evident in the *Nassau Lit.*, are singularly devoid of that etiquette and sense of propriety becoming to their positions. Let there be criticism, severe, if necessary, but just, and not low-lived abuse, expressed in words or implied in meaning. Such things may be considered fun and wit in Jersey judgment, but to us they are boorish, and smack of the spirit that is the parent of the numerous Princeton rows. Your "eminent ability," (if we ever used the expression,) we have praised, but never the tone that pervades it.

Several exchanges have articles upon the recent boat races; some, of the contest at New London, the others, of the first annual regatta for the Childs challenge cup, at Philadelphia. It is late in the day to discuss either of these races, but as they both occurred late in June, opportunity has not been offered for much mention in the college press. The *Yale Courant* severely criticizes an article in the September *Atlantic Monthly*, which, itself, is a criticism of the Yale crew at New London. We cannot agree with the first mentioned paper, in condemning the article in such an wholesale manner; we think it a just, carefully written statement of the reasons why Yale lost the contest, and an offer of good, wholesome advice, as to the manner in which such races should be conducted in the future. The *Atlantic* mentions what the obvious disadvantages are in frequent changes of course, systems of steering, rowing etc. It says: "The thing most to be desired for American college rowing in the future seems to us to be that there should be some fixity and regularity about it. The remarkable process of evolution

through which it has passed would show that in the eight-oar, four mile, straight-away race, with coxwains, we have, reached a finality. * * * In fact, we have, after much vexation and trouble, practically adopted the English system of rowing, as we have their stroke; and, in all human probability, the system which has stood the test of experience so well in England, will stand it equally well here."

The *University Magazine*, the exponent of the University of Pennsylvania, speaks benignly, yet modestly, of the wonderful victory of the Philadelphians over the strong crews of Columbia and Princeton. To say that the University men expected to keep the cup in Philadelphia, would be to credit them with more self-assurance than they really felt, for they "hardly dared hope for a victory over such doughty oarsmen as Columbia and Princeton possess." Nevertheless, there was a large share of confidence reposed in the home crew, as they had been carefully trained by a professional oarsman. Everything passed off nicely, with perfectly fair dealing to all, and the victory was square and undoubted; so much so that there is not a single flaw in it, upon which the college press of Columbia or Princeton can seize. These journals say little at present, but there is a self assured air about this little, that seems to say that, "if we lost the prize this year, there is no doubt about the issue of next year's contest." These annual regattas at Philadelphia are destined to become as important in the eyes of the public, as the yearly contests at New London have been.

Scribner's for October contains the second number of "English Spelling and Spelling Reform," an article that commends itself to the attention of the Seniors, in view of the approaching "Forensic Discussion" upon that topic. Mrs. Burnett's excellent story of "Haworths" is concluded, "Edison's Inventions" is continued with a paper upon "The System of Fast Telegraphy," and "Brazil" enters its fifth number. Sportsmen have an entertaining article upon "Field Sports in Minnesota."

The next TABLET will be issued Nov. 1st.

PARTICLES.

Why doth the guileless little Fresh
So early go to bed?
Oh! why the day devoutly bless,
The night with terror dread?
Because the Soph. is out.

Scene at hotel table, opening of the term.

Senior to Freshman: Did you have any trouble with your examinations? *Fresh:* No Sir, I got along nicely. *Senior:* Then you are through all right, eh? 'Let's see—are you '83? *Fresh:* No sir, I am just eighteen. *Sensation in dining room.*

One of our charming lady waiters, after asking a table full of students what kind of meat they would have, innocently remarked that they were all lamb(s).

A Freshman ordered his furniture to be taken to room 49.

It has been asked whether it is in order to sing the familiar tune beginning "Where, O, where are the girl waiters?"

A Freshman says he has found a verse in the Bible that relates to hazing: "They that led us away captive required of us a song and melody in our heaviness."

A Freshman wants to know whether Prometheus was a Latin or a Greek author.

Decidedly Fresh. "How do you like Vegetable Philosophy?"

Here is the latest: A Freshman gave utterance to the wretchedness of his heart by the exclamation that "he wished to thunder he was in his dad's barn." When asked his reasons, he replied: "Then, you bet, I'd climb for the house mighty quick."

The Sophomores are not "flagging" in their efforts.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Dignified graduate (munching a piece of Washington pie of indifferent quality)—"Washington was a great man to be sure, but he didn't know how to make a pie."

—*Ex.*

Tutor:—"Your writing is so wretched, sir, that I can't make anything out of it. How have you rendered *Cæsar's bonæ leges?*" *Sub freshman:*—"Why, the bony legs of Cæsar, I believe, sir." (Small earthquake.)—*Ex.*